

THE CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA - MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT 49 a'BECKETT STREET, MELBOURNE ON 5th.

JULY, 1971 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT - Messrs. Macintosh, (Chairman), Messrs. Hamilton, Long, Lugg, Ploog, Rundle and Schultz.

APOLOGIES - Apologies were received from Messrs. Black, Kettle, Lyons, Mason, Mitchell, and Fairhall.

MINUTES - Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

REPRESENTATIVES - Advice was received from the V.C.C.A. that Mr. McMaster and Farrar, had been replaced by Mr. Ploog and Fairhall as their representatives on this Council. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ploog to the meeting.

FILM - The film "Strawberries with Cream" was shown and it was decided that the film, "People of Korelevu" should be shown at the next meeting.

REPORTS - Interim Report prepared by Mr. Kettle on areas for policy statements was presented to the meeting. It was resolved:-

(a) that policy statements should be on broad lines leaving details to Associations and Societies,

(b) that the Federation should concentrate on policies affecting Co-operatives and their members rather than the community as a whole,

(c) that the Federation should be selective in the areas it chooses and should build a strong case,

(d) that particulars of any arguments and results should be filed in a fact book.

It was decided to ask Mr. Kettle to investigate what legislation existed in Victoria for Consumer Protection.

It was decided to ask the Secretary to investigate what work had been done in relation to funeral co-operatives to date.

Research : The Secretary reported that he had contacted the Melbourne University where Professor Henderson had advised that he was prepared to offer advice on the method of research and it was decided that the following main headings be looked at:

- (a) Penetration of Co-operatives in the Community (Membership and use)
- (b) What effect Co-operatives have had on the industries in which they are working
- (c) The importance of Co-operatives to their individual members,
- (d) The lack of University interest in Co-operatives,
- (e) The extent of interest shown by Co-operative members in the organization and control of their Co-operatives.

It was decided that Mr. Maybury and Long should prepare the submission for Professor Henderson's consideration.

NEWSLETTER - Several drafts of the masthead for the newsletter were presented and it was decided to adopt one with the heading "Unite". It was agreed that the professional costs of an artist to prepare this masthead be met. Mr. Kettle and Mr. Maybury were asked to accept responsibility for the newsletter.

REPORTS (continued)

Co-operative Digest - It was reported that the first issue of the Co-operative Digest would be ready within the next two weeks.

Co-operative Advisory Committee - It was reported that this Committee had completed their investigation of the Amendments to the Co-operation Act but it is unlikely that these will be collated until the Registrar had returned from overseas.

Slide Commentary - Mr. Macintosh reported that he had had no further advice on this matter from overseas but would try to obtain further information before the next meeting.

CREDIT SOCIETY CHAPTER MEETINGS -

Invitation was received from the Victorian Credit Co-operation Association for speakers to attend the various chapter meetings during the month of August. A number of Councillors volunteered and it was agreed that the necessary charts for use at these meetings should be prepared.

COLUMBO PLAN STUDENT - PAKISTAN -

It was reported that Mr. Hamid Ahmad from Pakistan would be visiting Victoria late September early October as part of his Colombo Plan study tour. It was agreed to finalize his itinerary at the next meeting.

I.C.A. MEETING - NOVEMBER, 1971 -

Arrangements are now finalized for this matter and each member of the Council is to supply at the next meeting a list of invitees for the official opening and for the official dinner.

C.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING -

A copy of the Agenda of this meeting was received and it was agreed to circulate this before the next meeting for comment.

C.F.A. CONSTITUTION -

It was agreed that this matter be dealt with at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE - This included a circular from the International Co-operative Alliance and it was agreed to circulate to members the particulars of Co-operative membership in the various countries of the world.

MEMBERSHIP - It was agreed to suggest at the C.F.A. meeting that a film be made on similar lines to "Strawberries with Cream" for Australian conditions.

TAXATION - The Secretary agreed to have a statement prepared on the various methods of Taxation of Co-operatives within Australia.

CLOSE - The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

THE CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 49 A'BECKETT ST.,
MELBOURNE ON MONDAY 2nd. AUGUST, 1971 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mr. Mason (Chairman), Messrs. Fairhall, Hamilton, Kettle,
Lugg, Lyons, Rundle.

APOLOGIES

Messrs. Black, Long, Macintosh, Ploog and Schultz.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

REPORTS

Policy Statement Consumer legislation was still being
investigated by Mr. Kettle.

Research Mr. Long and Mr. Maybury are preparing a submission
to Professor Henderson.

Newsletter The art work for the newsletter has been completed
and the printed letterhead should be complete within the next
week.

Co-operative Digest The publication of the first issue has
been deferred until the 30th. August.

Slide Commentary No reply yet received from United States.

CREDIT SOCIETY CHAPTER MEETINGS

Further discussions took place on the forthcoming Society
Chapter meetings and several members volunteered for those meetings which had
not previously been covered.

COLOMBO PLAN VISIT

It was reported that the visit of Mr. Ahmad had been delayed
for one week and it was agreed to re-organize the schedule if possible.
It was decided to invite Mr. Ahmad to the October meeting of this Council
if he was available.

C.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER, 1971

Mr. Mason advised that he would be overseas and would be
unable to attend as delegate. It was decided to invite Mr. Macintosh to
take his place on the Council and it was resolved to meet any out of pocket
expenses of Mr. Macintosh for the period of these meetings. Several agenda
items were discussed and it was agreed that this State should support in
principle the suggestion put forward by the Federal Secretary for stream-
lining the operations of the Australian body. It was decided to support
the proposal to conduct a survey on education and state surveys on
Co-ordinated Development. Mr. Kettle agreed to investigate the cost of
producing a film on an Australian basis. It was decided to ask Mr. Schultz
to advise our representatives on his views on the European Economic Community.
The Secretary was instructed to prepare the necessary report for presentation
to the meeting.

TAXATION


A letter was received from the C.F.A. enclosing a submission
made by them to the Federal Treasurer to maintain the present tax position
on Co-operatives. It was decided that portion of this case be distributed
to Councillors for their information.

I.C.A. MEETING - NOVEMBER, 1971

Arrangements for this meeting have now been finalized with the
exception of the guest list for the official dinner and a guide for the
bus tour through Victoria. It was decided to ask Mr. J. Schultz whether
his organization could supply this guide.

CLOSE

The meeting closed at 9.30 P.M.


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